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SUBJECT: BIH STATE COURT UPDATES PART TWO: TERRORISM,  
ORGANIZED CRIME AND CORRUPTION CASES

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[1](#)1. INTRODUCTION: This is the second of two cables summarizing cases currently before the BiH State Court. This cable summarizes organized crime, corruption and terrorism cases underway in the BiH State Court. Cases underway in the War Crimes Chamber were reported previously (REF. B). These cables are intended to offer an overview of the Court and State Prosecutor's work in order to provide context for subsequent reporting on operational developments at the State Court, including the phased transition from mixed international/national to wholly national control and staffing, and the impact of justice sector reforms. The U.S. currently provides roughly 40 percent of all international donor contributions to the BiH State Court, the BiH State Prosecutor's Office, and the Registry (court administration).  
END INTRODUCTION.

[1](#)2. Legal and Structural Overview of the Special Department for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and the Corruption (hereinafter "the Special Department") and the Section for General Crime, International Cooperation and Terrorism (hereinafter "General Crimes Section").

a. The Special Department prosecutes crimes that are broadly defined as connected to personal economic gain. The General Crimes Section handles primarily administrative violations of State law, but has one terrorism case and one treason case underway. Both sections and the War Crimes Chamber were created in 2003, and began trying cases in 2005. In 2006, the Special Department opened 117 investigations, involving 222 individuals, and filed new 91 indictments against 173 individuals. At year's end there were 75 cases in some phase of adjudication before the court.

b. Cases are heard in the first instance by a three-judge panel, which may be composed wholly of Bosnian judges or of Bosnian and international judges. Verdicts are reached by consensus. In accordance with the Bosnian Criminal Procedure Code (CPC), verdicts must be rendered orally within three days after the prosecutor and defense deliver final arguments, followed by a written decision within 30 days. The court pronounces sentence at the time the verdict is

rendered. An appeal must be filed within 15 days after the written decision is issued. Under the hybrid Common Law/Civil Law system in Bosnia, the prosecutor may appeal an acquittal or a low sentence. Appeals are heard by a different three-judge panel at State Court. The appeals panel can void the initial verdict and conduct a partial retrial, after which the panel can consider sentencing de novo. Decisions of the appeals panel, including fines and sentences, are final.

c. The 2003 State Criminal Code provides for crimes such as organized crime and human trafficking. However, under the CPC the State Court must apply the criminal codes in effect in the Federation and the Republika Srpska (RS) at the time the crimes were committed. Because some of the more sophisticated economic crimes were not recognized in these entity codes prior to 2003, the BiH State Prosecutor is often obliged to bring lesser charges, which carry lower penalties. Terrorism has been a state crime since 1951. Crimes against the State are considered violations of the Dayton Constitution.

### 13. Summary of Cases in the State Court General Crime Section

#### a. BEKTASEVIC, Mirsad et al

##### Defendants:

BEKTASEVIC, Mirsad (aka Maximus; DPOB: 30 July 1987, Butmir, Ilidza, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
CESUR, Abdulkadir (aka Turkee; DPOB: 27 November 1985, Frederiksborg, Denmark)  
IKANOVIC, Bajro (DPOB: 8 November 1976, Hrnjicici, Bratunac, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

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BAJRIC, Amir (aka Cami; DPOB: 26 February, 1978, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
HASANOVIC, Senad (aka Senci; DPOB: 2 May 1986, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

##### Charges:

-- Terrorism (Bektasevic, Cesur, Ikanovic)  
-- Obstruction of Justice (Bektasevic, Cesur)  
-- Illegal Possession of Weapons or Explosive Substances (Bajric, Hasanovic)

According to the indictment, when defendants Bektasevic and Cesur were arrested they had in their possession weapons, explosives, a crudely fashioned suicide belt, and a video depicting masked men supposedly preparing to attack unspecified European targets. The accused supposedly planned to use these items against nations with troops in Iraq or Afghanistan. Bajric and Hasanovic were arrested for allegedly selling the explosives. Ikanovic was accused of being the go-between who procured the explosives from Bajric and Hasanovic on behalf of Bektasevic and Cesur. The defendants were arrested in October-November 2005.

Before the trial began, Bajric negotiated a plea agreement with the prosecutor to receive a two-year sentence in exchange for testifying against the others. On January 10, 2007, the BiH State Court found the defendants guilty on all charges, and sentenced them to prison terms: Bektasevic - 15 years; Cesur - 13 years; Ikanovic - 8 years; and Hasanovic 2.5 years. Although Bajric and Hasanovic were convicted of the same crime, the Court decided that Hasanovic's non-cooperation merited a (slightly) higher sentence. (REF. A.) The case is now on appeal.

#### b. JELAVIC, Ante et al

##### Defendants:

PRCE, Miroslav (DPOB: 29 May 1953, Crnici, Stolac, Bosnia and

Herzegovina)

JELAVIC, Ante (DPOB: 21 August 1963, Potprolog, Vrgorac, Croatia)

CURCIC, Dragan (DPOB: 1 September 1965, Pervan, Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Charges: Undermining the Military and Defensive Power of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina; Abuse of Office or Official Authority (NOTE: The charge of Endangering the Territorial Integrity of BiH did not exist at the time in question. END NOTE.)

This case is informally referred to as the "Third Entity" or the "Croat Self-Rule" case. The indictment alleges that on 28 October 2000, the Croat National Assembly (HNS) was established as the "permanent and highest political institution of the Croat people in Bosnia and Herzegovina." Jelavic, a member of the BiH Tri-Presidency at the time, was elected HNS Chairman. In March 2001, the HNS passed the "Decision Establishing the Inter-Cantonal/Inter-Municipal Council as a Form of Croat Self-Rule in Bosnia and Herzegovina." This decision posited that the BiH and FBiH authorities would not be acknowledged on the territory under Croat self-rule, because the BiH and FBiH authorities were "contrary to the will of the Croat people."

Prce, then FBiH Defense Minister, and Curcic, then FBiH Army Deputy Commander, allegedly attempted to place ethnic Croat defense forces outside the jurisdiction of the FBiH Ministry of Defense. In October 2005, the Court sentenced Jelavic to ten years in prison, but he fled to Croatia and remains a fugitive. The Court sentenced Prce to six years imprisonment for abusing his office and undermining the FBiH military. Curcic was acquitted on all counts. In July 2006, the appeals panel overturned Prce's conviction for abuse of office, but upheld the remainder of the first instance verdict and reaffirmed the six year sentence.

#### 14. Summary of Cases in the State Court Special Department for

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#### Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption

a. ANTONIC, Milos (DPOB: 14 August 1960, Trbusnica, Loznica, Serbia and Montenegro)

Charges: Abuse of Office or Official Authority; Forging Official Documents; Money Laundering; Tax Evasion

Antonic was accused of committing specific acts of forgery, tax evasion and money laundering while he was owner and director of the "Antony Company" from February to September, 1995. These acts allegedly included preparing blank purchasing orders for collaborators smuggling goods, and completed purchase orders that grossly understated the value of goods bought or overstated the value of good sold, as part of the money laundering scheme. He was accused of performing these acts for personal gain as well as in furtherance of an ongoing, multi-party criminal enterprise. Antonic has been in custody since September 2005. In March 2006, the Court sentenced him to five years in prison. The appellate panel upheld the sentence in May 2006. Antonic has exhausted his appeals and the verdict is final.

b. BULATOVIC, Zoran

Charge: Money Laundering

The indictment alleges that in April 2005 Bulatovic registered the Ferocom d.o.o. Laktasi Company. Bulatovic is accused of making available to other companies certified blank order forms, tax exemption statements, invoices, bills of lading and other Laktasi Company documents. Bulatovic allegedly took money in cash, deposited it in the Laktasi Company account, and then transferred it to the other companies in phantom business transactions. The indictment

was confirmed in November 2006 and the case is in pretrial.

c. COVIC, Dragan et al

Defendants:

COVIC, Dragan (DPOB: 20 August 1956, Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
TADIC, Mato (DPOB: 15 August 1952, Brcko District, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
IKANOVIC-LIJANOVIC, Jozo (DPOB: 29 November 1962, Siroki Brijeg, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
IKANOVIC-LIJANOVIC, Mladen (DPOB: 22 August 1960, Siroki Brijeg, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
IKANOVIC-LIJANOVIC, Jerko (DPOB: 15 November 1969, Siroki Brijeg, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
IKANOVIC-LIJANOVIC, Slavo (DPOB: 30 November 1957, Siroki Brijeg, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
LUCIC, Zdravko (DPOB: 14 February 1957, Zivinic, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Charges:

- Criminal Conspiracy; Organized Crime; Associating for Criminal Purposes (Ivankovic-Lijanovic brothers, Lucic, Covic)
- Abuse of Office or Official Authority; Dereliction of Duty; Accomplice to Bribery (Covic)
- Bribery (Ivankovic-Lijanovic brothers, Lucic)
- Forgery; Abuse of Position of Economic Power; Tax Evasion (Ivankovic-Lijanovic brothers)
- Abuse of Office or Official Authority; Accepting Bribes (Tadic)
- Obstruction of Justice (Jozo Ivankovic-Lijanovic)

Dragan Covic, formerly a member of the BiH Tri-Presidency and currently leader of the Croatian Democratic Union for BiH (HDZ-BiH), was Federation Finance Minister from December 1998 to March 2001. He was accused of accepting bribes during that time from the Ivankovic-Lijanovic brothers in exchange for directing the FBiH Customs Administration to exempt the Ivankovic-Lijanovic companies from import taxes and levies on chicken products. He also allegedly obstructed Federation and BiH State officials' efforts to collect taxes from the co-defendants' poultry companies. Tadic, former President

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and current member of the BiH Constitutional Court, was accused of accepting a bribe, conveyed via co-defendant Lucic, to rule in favor of the brothers in the 2004 tax evasion civil suit.

Defendants were not held in custody during the trial. On 17 November 2006, the Court found Covic guilty of Abuse of Office and sentenced him to five years. The other charges against him were dismissed. The co-defendants were acquitted on all counts. After denying his initial request, on December 14 the Court granted Covic's release pending the appeal, after ordering him to surrender all Bosnian and Croatian travel documents and post over USD 2 million in bail. Covic is also required to report to the Mostar municipal police station once a week.

d. COVIC, Husmir

Charges: Human Trafficking; Associating for Criminal Purposes

The indictment alleges that Covic, as a member of an organized crime group, participated in attempting to smuggle people across the BiH-Croatia border. The main trial, which began in September 2006, is currently underway.

e. CULINA, Ivan and CULJAK, Ivica (DPOB: unavailable)

Charges: Money Laundering; Tax Evasion

Culina and Culjak pled guilty in July 2006 and were sentenced

to time served and fined approximately USD 4,000 each.

f. DIZDAREVIC, Aziz et al

Defendants:

DIZDAREVIC, Aziz (DPOB: unavailable)  
HASIC, Begajet (DPOB: unavailable)  
JOVICIC, Dragutin (DPOB: unavailable)  
TURSUNOVIC, Mevludin (DPOB: unavailable)

Charges: Trafficking in Persons (Dizdarevic, Jovicic, Tursunovic); Extortion (Hasic)

In December 2006, the accused pled not guilty to running a human trafficking operation. They were accused of smuggling a group of 12 Chinese citizens through Sarajevo airport and then overland to Croatia, Italy and France in April-May 2005. The trial began January 9, 2007. On February 21 the Court granted Dizdarevic's request for bail, deciding that his detention was no longer necessary to prevent him from influencing witnesses. The other defendants were already at liberty pending the verdict.

g. DUSANIC, Petar

Co-Defendant: DUSANIC, Mira

Charges: Tax Evasion (Petar Dusanic); Customs Fraud (Mira Dusanic)

As the co-directors of Kompanija Dusanic, Petar and Mira Dusanic were indicted for evading tax and customs obligations under RS law by falsifying sales receipts to grossly underrepresented transaction costs during the period 2002-2003. In October 2006, the couple pled guilty. Petar was sentenced to six months in prison and Mira received a suspended sentence of one year, with three years probation. The couple were ordered to pay all back taxes and customs duties, amounting to approximately USD 577,000.

h. DUSHI, Leonard (DPOB: 27 May 1972, Shkoder, Albania)

Co-Defendant:

ISENI, Eljmi (DPOB: 12 November 1970, Kumanovio, Macedonia)

Charges:

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-- Human Trafficking (Dushi, Iseni)  
-- Organized Crime; Forgery; Aggravated Theft (Dushi)

Dushi is charged with specific incidents of illegally trafficking persons from Albania to Italy, via Montenegro and Bosnia, between November 2004 and September 2005. Iseni is accused of being Dushi's driver and assistant. Dushi is also accused of using a forged passport to purchase an apartment in Sarajevo, which served as a weigh-station for victims. Dushi was arrested in September 2005. On 31 October, the Court found Dushi guilty on all counts, and sentenced him to five years in prison. Iseni was convicted of being an accessory to human trafficking, and given a 10-month suspended sentence and two years' probation. On February 6 the Appellate Court reduced Dushi's sentence to three years.

i. FAZLIC, Asim

Co-Defendant:

KOBILIC, Senad

Charges:

-- Fraud; Attempted Blackmail

Fazlic was charged with accepting bribes to tip off suspects while he was Deputy Director of BiH Interpol in 2003. Kobilic was accused of acting as intermediary. In June 2005, Fazlic was acquitted and Kobilic was sentenced to one year imprisonment. The prosecution and the defense appealed. In December 2005, the Appellate Panel confirmed Fazlic's acquittal. It also overturned Kobilic's conviction and ordered a partial retrial. In November 2006, Kobilic pled guilty to attempted fraud and received a nine month suspended prison sentence, with 18 months probation. The case is now concluded.

j. IBRAHIMOVIC, Enver (DPOB: 29 January 1982, Novi Pazar, Serbia and Montenegro)

Co-Defendant:

DANCETOVIC, Dojcin (DPOB: 2 March 1985, Kosovska Mitrovica, Serbia and Montenegro)

Charge: Money Laundering

Dancetovic was the owner and operator of the Uspjeh-Prom d.o.o. Sarajevo Company. Ibrahimovic and he are accused of selling goods for cash, and then falsifying sales receipts to grossly underrepresent transaction costs to evade tax obligations. They are further accused of hiding the money from tax authorities by depositing it in accounts they created with different banks in Sarajevo. During the pretrial phase, Dancetovic pled guilty in exchange for receiving a two year prison sentence. The case against Ibrahimovic went to trial in November 2005. In February 2006, the Court found him guilty and sentenced him to two years imprisonment. The appellate panel upheld the sentence in April. Ibrahimovic has exhausted his appeals and the verdict is final.

k. KARIC, Sedinet et al

Defendants:

KARIC, Sedinet  
KARIC, Senida  
JAHIC, Besim  
ZUKIC, Novalija  
ZAHIROVIC, Amira  
MALINIC, Eldar  
SLKIC, Mehmed

Charges:

-- Tax Evasion (Sedinet Karic, Senida Karic, Jahic, Zukic, Zahirovic, Malinic, Salkic)

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-- Money Laundering (Sedinet Karic, Senida Karic, Jahic, Zukic, Zahirovic, Malinic)

-- Illegal Weapons Possession (Sedinet Karic, Senida Karic)

Defendants were found guilty in June 2006 of all counts in a textile manufacture and trading scheme and fined Sedinet and Sedina Karic USD 934,000.00. The Court also sentenced Sedinet Karic to 2 years, Sedina Karic, Jahic, Zukic, Zahirovic and Malinic to 1.5 years, and Salkic to one year in prison. All sentences were suspended and defendants granted probation. In December an appeals panel upheld the Prosecutor's appeal for higher sentences, and ordered a retrial.

l. KUCEVIC, Tasim et al

Defendants:

KUCEVIC, Tasim (DPOB: 16 September 1961, Zabren, Sjenica, Serbia and Montenegro)

PJEVIC, Meliha (DPOB: 4 June 1976, Pisci, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
SPAHIC, Enver (DPOB: 1 January 1973, Barice, Zivinice, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
TRBARA, Zoran (DPOB: 2 July 1969, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
FAZLIC, Admir (DPOB: 27 June 1964, Zagreb, Croatia)  
DULOVIC, Mirzet (DPOB: 2 December 1982, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
DULOVIC, Nedzad (DPOB: 25 June 1975, Barice, Zivinice, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
SABIC, Almir (DPOB: 20 October 1981, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
MUJKIC, Mirsad (DPOB: 30 September 1968, Dugi Do, Zvornik, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
GUSINAC, Edzevit (DPOB: 19 February 1985, Tutin, Serbia and Montenegro)

Charges:

-- Organized Crime; Human Trafficking; Pandering (Kucevic, Pjevic, Spahic, Trbara, Fazlic, Mirzet Dulovic, Nedzad Dulovic, Sabic, Mujkic, Glusinac)  
-- Tax Evasion; Money Laundering (Kucevic, Pjevic)

Kucevic and Pjevic are accused of running a prostitution operation in their jointly-owned Hotel "Mlin" in Ljubace. The other co-defendants were lessees, managers and staff of the hotel. Kucevic and Pjevic allegedly coerced women who were already trafficking victims under their control to help recruit other women from foreign countries. The women were promised asylum and/or employment in Bosnia, and then abused and sexually exploited once they arrived. Kucevic and Pjevic are also charged with failing to pay taxes on the portion of income earned from operating the Hotel "Mlin" as a legitimate business (less than one third the amount earned illegally). Kucevic has been in custody since February 2006. The other defendants are out on bail. On January 29, 2007, the Court released Kucevic on bail, and prohibited him from engaging in any business activity related to his hotel business. The trial, which began in June 2006, is ongoing.

m. KULIC, Damir (DPOB: unavailable)

Charge: Money Laundering

In November 2006, Kulic pled guilty to laundering money through his firm, the Uzor Group d.o.o. Trn-Laktasi Company. The scheme involved selling goods for cash, and then falsifying sales receipts to grossly underrepresented transaction costs to evade tax obligations. Kulic was sentenced to three years in prison, and fined approximately USD 60,000. The court ruled that his time in custody (12 months) counted towards his sentence.

n. MANDIC, Momcilo et al

Defendants:

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MANDIC, Momcilo (DPOB: 1 May 1954, Kalinovik, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
BJELICA, Milovan (DPOB: 19 October 1958, Rogatica, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
GOVEDARICA, Milorad (DPOB: 2 January 1955, Vitina Ljubuski, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
SAROVIC, Mirko (DPOB: 16 September 1956, Rogatica, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Charges:

-- Abuse of Office or Official Authority; Associating for Criminal Purposes; Organized Crime (Mandic, Bjelica, Govedarica, Sarovic)  
-- Forgery; Providing Assistance to Persons Indicted Before

The ICTY (Mandic)

This case is related to the Sarovic case (para. 4r). Mandic, former Serb Republic Minister of Justice and Director of Privredna Banka Srpska Sarajevo, was accused of repeatedly violating RS banking laws between October 1998 and August 2002. The indictment alleged that Mandic dispensed unsecured loans to dummy corporations set up by Bjelica and Govedarica, with Sarovic's help, and illegally transferred depositors' funds to political party accounts. Privredna Banka went bankrupt as a direct result of these actions.

The defendants were taken into custody at different times between August and December 2005. On October 27, 2006, the Court sentenced Mandic to nine years in prison for abuse of office and forgery. However, the Court ruled that it could not find him guilty of providing assistance to PIFWCs, because no relevant law existed in the RS during the time-frame being considered. Co-defendant Govedarica was given four years for abuse of office. Sarovic, a former BiH Tri-Presidency member and high-ranking SDS official, and Bjelica were acquitted. Mandic and Govedarica were also ordered to pay damages to Privredna Banka totaling over KM 4.5 million (approximately USD 3 million). The State Prosecutor intends to appeal the acquittals. In a separate case now getting underway, Mandic faces war crimes charges stemming from his actions as Justice Minister in the so-called Serb Republic during the war (REF. C).

o. OKIC, Ferid and VASI, Fevzi (DPOB: unavailable)

Charge: Organized Crime

The accused and five others were indicted in November 2004. The five co-defendants concluded plea agreements during the course of the trial, but Okic and Vasi continued to maintain their innocence. In November 2005, Okic and Vasi were found guilty of organized crime activities, including illicit narcotics trafficking, kidnapping, robbery and illegal possession of weapons and explosives. Okic was initially sentenced to 22.3 years imprisonment, while Vasi received 2 months. In May 2006 the appellate panel overturned the verdicts and ordered a retrial. On February 12, 2007, the second trial panel upheld the guilty verdict and increased the sentences. Okic received 24 years and Vasi's sentence was upped to one year in jail.

p. PAPIC, Milan et al

Defendants:

JOVANOVIC, Milan  
JOVIC, Anđelko  
MAJDOV, Dragomir  
NOVAKOVIC, Goran  
OBRENOVIC, Miljana  
PAPIC, Milan  
SARIC, Dragan  
SIMIC, Davor

Charges: Organized Crime; Forgery; Tax Evasion

The indictment alleges, inter alia, that between September 2005 and March 2006 Papic ran a illegal coffee import

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operation. Acting as executive director of the firm Red Star d.o.o. Bileca and Pami Trade d.o.o. Niksic, Montenegro, Papic concluded a contract with "STR INC" Inman-SC-USA to import raw coffee. Saric allegedly transported the coffee by truck from a port in Slovenia. Novakovic, Obrenovic, Jovic and Simic were State Customs officers who, on various occasions, registered the truck as empty when it crossed the border. State Border Service officer Majdov was also involved in the scheme. Jovanovic, another State Customs official, is accused of destroying documents in order to help Papic avoid



paying proper import duties. The indictment was confirmed in September 2006, and the trial began in November 2006.

q. POLJO, Zijad et al

Defendants:

POLJO, Zijad (DPOB: 3 January 1966, Rajevo Selo, Croatia)  
CATO, Halil (aka Dilas; DPOB: 22 March 1951, Vinkovci, Croatia)  
SABANOVIC, Zemina (aka Minka; DPOB: 23 August 1960, Gunja, Croatia)  
MAGLIC, Samir (DPOB: 28 December 1973, Travnik, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
HABIBOVIC, Alen (DPOB: 6 May 1976, Kladanj, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
VASIC, Bogdan (DPOB: 19 October 1963, Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro)  
KALENDER, Dragoljub (DPOB: 17 August 1956, Sovijak, Bosanska Gradiska, Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
Legal Entities: Poljo Oil; Fenkis Komerc; Delta; Alfa RS; Interspeed; Trade Komerc

Charges:

-- Money Laundering; Associating for Criminal Purposes (Sabanovic, Maglic, Habibovic, Vasic, Kalendar, Poljo, Cato)  
-- Tax Evasion (Poljo, Cato)

According to the indictment, Poljo and his co-defendants undertook a criminal conspiracy to avoid tax obligations by manipulating petrol and petrol product sales transactions. Between January and October 2003, Poljo and the others allegedly produced invoices falsely documenting Poljo Oil sales to several dummy companies. At the same time, the defendants also sold petrol and petrol products for cash to legitimate businesses, and later doctored the receipts to underreport their profit margin. In June 2006, Vasic and Sabanovic negotiated plea agreements with the Prosecutor's Office. Vasic received a six and one-half year sentence for money laundering and associating for criminal purposes. Sabanovic received six months in jail for money laundering and was fined 20,000 KM (approximately USD 15,000 for associating for criminal purposes. The trial of Poljo and the remaining co-defendants has been underway since March 2006.

r. SAROVIC, Mirko (DPOB: 16 September 1956, Rogatica, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Co-defendant: DESPOTOVIC, Milan (DPOB: unavailable)

Charges: Incitement to Perjury (Sarovic); Perjury (Despotovic)

The indictment alleges that Sarovic, while in custody in Doboj District Prison, instructed Doboj District Prison guard Despotovic to conceal evidence and give false statements to court related to the Mandic case (para. 4n). The case is in pre-trial.

s. SUBASIC, Admir

Co-Defendant

Memsudin Cengic

Charges: Human Trafficking; Associating for Criminal Purposes

According to the indictment the accused attempted to smuggle

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four people from Montenegro to Western Europe, through Bosnia, in October 2005. The indictment was confirmed in July 2006, and the men accepted a plea bargain in September. Subasic received a 14-month suspended sentence, and Cengic was sent to prison for nine months.

t. TANOVIC, Jovo, DRAGOLJUB, Serif and TEROVIC, Haris (DPOB: unavailable)

Charges: Trafficking in Persons, Associating for Criminal Purposes

The accused pled guilty in August 2006. Tanovic received a three year suspended sentence, with five years' probation. Terovic and Dragoljub each received 8-month suspended sentences with three years' probation.

u. TASOVAC, Zeljko et al

Defendants

ATELJEVIC, Miodrag  
POPOVAC, Slobodan  
RADIC, Drazen  
SARABA, Nikola  
TASOVIC, Nada  
TASOVAC, Zeljko  
VUKOJE, Nebojsa

Charges:

-- Attempted Murder, Organized Crime, Illegal Weapons Possession, Obstruction of Justice (Aletjevic, Popovac, Radic, Saraba, Tasovic, Tasovac, Vukoje)  
-- Assault (Vukoje)

The indictment, confirmed in September 2006, alleges that Tasovac led an organized crime group, in which his co-defendants were members. The group is accused of attempting to plant an explosive device in front of the house of a potential witness in criminal proceedings against Tasovac. Popovac and Nada Tasovac are also accused of paying an unidentified person to intimidate another witness. The trial began in January 2007.

v. TUZLAK, Kenan and Mehmed (DPOB: unavailable)

Charges: Money Laundering

Mehmed Tuzlak and his son Kenan were indicted in April 2006 and pled guilty in June to registering a dummy company "Codex Line" in Zenica through which to launder money. Mehmed Tuzlak was sentenced to 18 months in prison, and Kenan Tuzlak received a eight month suspended sentence, with three years' probation.  
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